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PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the areas for promoting horticulture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided for conducting latest research programmes in horticulture and to provide subsidy to farmers adopting horticulture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz., (i) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining States and Union Territories for the holistic development of horticulture sector by adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for development of horticultural crops. State-wise details of districts covered under NHM & HMNEH schemes are given at Annexure-I(a) and I(b).

Under both the missions, financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities related to horticulture development such as production of quality planting material, establishment of scion blocks for mass multiplication of quality planting material, area coverage through high yielding varieties, high density planting and canopy management, vegetable seed production, rejuvenation/ replanting of old and senile orchards, creation of water resources, protected cultivation, organic farming, promotion of integrated nutrient management/ integrated pest management, pollination support through bee keeping, horticulture mechanization, technology dissemination through demonstration, human resource development, exposure visit of farmers, integrated post harvest management and establishment of marketing infrastructure.

Latest research in horticulture reaches to the farmers through training programmes and technology extension through demonstrations by the State Agriculture Universities, ICAR institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

State-wise details of financial assistance provided under NHM & HMNEH schemes during each of last three years and current year upto January, 2011 is given at Annexure-II (a) & Annexure-II(b).